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(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Kurt Dobbins *et al.*

Application No.: 10/791,655

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For: DISTRIBUTED CONNECTION-ORIENTED  
SERVICES FOR SWITCHED  
COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS

Examiner: T. Nguyen

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed June 12, 2008 (Paper No. 20080608).

In the Office Action, the Examiner requests an election of an invention in the above-identified application. The Examiner identifies the following groups in paragraph 1 of the Office Action:

**Group I:** Claims 53-63 and 67, drawn to a method to provide information of a system in a network, classified in class 370, subclass 395.53.

**Group II:** Claims 64-66, drawn to a method to reduce at least one of broadcast frame and unknown traffic flooding in a network using information held by a virtual data structure, classified in class 370, subclass 389.

Accordingly, Applicants hereby elect without traverse Group I (Claims 53-63 and 67).

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications on the remaining subject matter, if so desired.

**CONCLUSION**

Any fee due can be charged to Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. ENB-015CN2 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw. In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted herewith, and the requisite petition does not accompany this response, the undersigned hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to render this submission timely.

Dated: August 12, 2008

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